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1. On 1 July 1951 the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) high command issued an order appointing CH'EN Yu-ling (陳玉靈)<sup>1</sup>, a schismatic Cao Dai leader, commander of the Cao Dai army in Intersector IX. CH'EN is currently intensifying his efforts for form a Cao Dai army designed to increase DRV military strength in South Vietnam.

2. CH'EN, a native of Tra Vinh Province, is 40 years old. Formerly a Cao Dai leader under Pham Cong Tac, he defected from Tac's group in 1948 to form the National Salvation Cao Dai Religion. CH'EN's group comprises pro-DRV members of the Cao Dai. In October 1949, the DRV appointed CH'EN a member of the military commission of Intersector IX.

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